GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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MEETING UNDER THE MINISTRY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Ministry convened a meeting of Health and Finance Ministers of various States to discuss various important issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any concrete proposal in this regard have been reached;

(d) if so, the details of the same; and

(e) the action being taken to implement them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e) A meeting of Finance Ministers and Health Ministers of all States/UTs was held on 18.8.2004 to discuss, inter-alia, the issue of MRP of medicines. However, as the States did not generally agree to the proposal of either exempting medicines from sales tax or reducing sale tax on medicines to uniform level, no final solution could be found on this issue in the meeting.